

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A composition, comprising:

(a) about 1.0 to about 40 percent by weight of a
5 copolymer consisting essentially of repeat units derived
from ethylene, and a compound of the formula $H_2C=CHCO_2R^1$
(I), wherein R^1 is an alkyl group containing 1 to 8 carbon
atoms, and said ethylene-derived repeat units are about 65
to about 95 weight percent of said copolymer, and said (I)-
10 derived repeat units are about 5 to about 35 weight percent
of said copolymer;

(b) about 35 to about 90 percent by weight of a
semicrystalline polyester; and

(c) about 5 to about 30 percent by weight of short
15 fibers having a number average diameter of about 6 μm or
less;

wherein the parts by weight are based on the total
amount of (a), (b) and (c) present.

2. The composition as recited in claim 1 wherein R^1 is
20 ethyl or n-butyl.

3. The composition as recited in claim 1 wherein said
copolymer is about 3 to about 25 percent by weight, said
semicrystalline polyester is about 55 to about 80 percent
by weight, and said short fibers are about 10 to about 25
25 percent by weight, of the total of (a), (b) and (c) present
in said composition.

4. The composition as recited in claim 1 wherein said
short fiber has a number average length of about 20 μm or
less.

30 5. The composition as recited in claim 1 wherein said
aspect ratio is about 3 to about 50, and said short fiber

has a number average length of about 0.5 μm to about 10 μm , and said short fiber is about 10 to about 25 percent by weight of the total amount of (a), (b) and (c) present.

6. The composition as recited in claim 1 wherein said
5 short fibers are wollastonite.

7. The composition as recited in claim 1 or 5 wherein said semicrystalline polyester is a poly(alkylene terephthalate).

8. The composition as recited in claim 7 wherein said
10 poly(alkylene terephthalate) is poly(ethylene terephthalate) or poly(1,4-butylene terephthalate).

9. An appearance part comprising the composition of claim 1, 2 or 3.

10. The appearance part as recited in claim 9 which is
15 painted.

11. An automotive body panel comprising the composition of claim 1, 2 or 3.

12. The automotive body panel as recited in claim 11 which is painted.

20 13. The automotive body panel as recited in claim 12, wherein paint is applied on line.

14. An appliance, power tool, electronic device, furniture, reflector, or toy comprising the composition of claim 1, 2, or 3.

25 15. The appliance, power tool, electronic device, furniture, reflector, or toy, wherein said composition is painted.